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STATES COTTON PRODUCTION AND WHEAT SEEDINGS UP

The Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service reported that the State's 1999 cotton crop totaled 699,000 bales, up from the final 1998 production of 635,000 thousand bales.

Upland cotton production totaled 680,000 bales, from 264,000 acres harvested. The crop yielded 1,236 pounds per acre compared with 1,177 pounds per acre last year. Harvested acreage was up 16,000.

American-Pima production is estimated at 19,000 bales. The crop was harvested from 9,500 acres and yielded an average of 960 pounds per acre compared with 830 pounds per acre in 1998.

ALL COTTON PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY

All cotton production is forecast at 17.0 million 480-pound bales, up less than 1 percent from last month, and up 22 percent from 1998. Yield is expected to average 608 pounds per harvested acre, down 17 pounds from last year. Texas production was decreased 56,000 bales from December's forecast, while California's production was increased 45,000 bales.

COTTON: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION BY TYPE, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 1998 AND FORECASTED JANUARY 1, 2000

Type and State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production 1/		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
	1,000 Acres			Pounds			1,000 Bales 2/		
Upland									
AL	442.0	475.0	560.0	597	559	549	550.0	553.0	640.0
AZ	324.0	248.0	264.0	1,255	1,177	1,236	847.0	608.0	680.0
AR	965.0	900.0	960.0	837	645	715	1,683.0	1,209.0	1,430.0
CA	875.0	620.0	605.0	1,202	887	1,250	2,191.0	1,146.0	1,575.0
FL	99.0	80.0	106.0	577	489	589	119.1	81.5	130.0
GA	1,425.0	1,280.0	1,300.0	646	578	580	1,919.0	1,542.0	1,570.0
KS	10.0	16.5	28.0	418	404	384	8.7	13.9	22.4
LA	650.0	525.0	610.0	728	586	708	986.0	641.0	900.0
MS	970.0	940.0	1,180.0	901	737	708	1,821.0	1,444.0	1,740.0
MO	390.0	357.0	375.0	695	471	595	565.0	350.0	465.0
NM	66.0	60.3	67.0	676	640	609	93.0	80.4	85.0
NC	685.0	705.0	800.0	652	699	486	930.0	1,026.0	810.0
OK	190.0	120.0	150.0	462	560	464	183.0	140.0	145.0
SC	286.0	286.0	315.0	688	587	419	410.0	350.0	275.0
TN	480.0	445.0	565.0	662	589	501	662.0	546.0	590.0
TX	5,200.0	3,300.0	5,100.0	474	524	475	5,140.0	3,600.0	5,050.0
VA	100.0	91.0	108.0	659	765	667	137.2	145.1	150.0
US	13,157.0	10,448.8	13,093.0	666	619	596	18,245.0	13,475.9	16,257.4
Amer-Pima									
AZ	22.0	15.5	9.5	912	830	960	41.8	26.8	19.0
CA	184.0	180.0	239.0	1,141	941	1,245	437.2	352.8	620.0
NM	11.0	7.3	7.5	641	658	608	14.7	10.0	9.5
TX	32.0	32.0	32.0	815	791	705	54.3	52.7	47.0
US	249.0	234.8	288.0	1,056	904	1,159	548.0	442.3	695.5

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-Lb. net weight bales.

ARIZONA WHEAT SEEDINGS INCREASE

As of December 1, Arizona wheat growers intended to plant 100,000 acres for the 2000 harvest, up 20 percent from last year. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 90,000 acres. Other wheat seedings are expected to reach 10,000 acres.

DURUM WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 3 PERCENT

Durum Wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2000 harvest are placed at 170,000 acres. This total is up 3 percent from their final 1999 planting. Seeding in California's San Joaquin Valley progressed rapidly during October and November. Seeding began in the Imperial Valley in late November and will continue into March as the winter vegetable harvest finishes.

Winter Wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2000 is estimated at 42.9 million acres. This is down 1 percent from 1999 and is the lowest level since 1972. Seeding started last August in the Pacific Northwest, some Mountain states, and Minnesota. Progress moved steadily forward through the fall, only slowing in some locations as farmers waited for rain. Seeding should finish sometime in February in California. About 98 percent of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast, California, and Texas.

SMALL GRAINS: AREA SEEDDED, BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 1998-00

Crop and State	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of 1999
	1,000 acres		Percent	
Durum Wheat				
AZ	145	75	90	120
CA	180	90	80	89
MN	5	5		
MT	450	360		
ND	3,000	3,450		
SD	25	55		
US	3,805	4,035		
Winter Wheat 1/				
AZ	8	11	10	91
CA	500	500	500	100
CO	2,750	2,600	2,550	98
ID	820	760	780	103
IL	1,250	1,050	950	90
IN	700	550	550	100
KS	10,700	10,000	9,800	98
MO	1,350	980	1,000	102
MT	1,400	1,050	1,500	143
NE	1,900	2,000	1,850	93
NV	7	11	9	82
NM	415	445	470	106
ND	70	60	100	167
OK	6,600	6,400	6,100	95
OR	810	710	730	103
SD	1,500	1,300	1,350	104
TX	6,100	6,200	5,800	94
UT	155	150	150	100
WA	2,200	1,900	1,850	97
WY	220	200	190	95
US	46,449	43,431	42,916	99

1/ Wheat other than Durum.

ARIZONA - CALIFORNIA CITRUS PRODUCTION UP

Arizona's citrus crop estimated for 1999-00 are forecast as follows: lemons, 3.1 million boxes, 10 percent below last year; grapefruit, 800,000 boxes, 7 percent higher than the 1998-99 production; Valencia oranges, 450,000 boxes, 25 percent below last year; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 600,000 boxes, up 9 percent; and tangerines, 1.1 million boxes, up 16 percent.

Citrus production in California is forecast as follows: lemons, 21.0 million boxes, up 30 percent from last year; grapefruit, 8.0 million boxes, up 7 percent from last year; Valencia oranges, 27.0 million boxes, up 59 percent from last year's production; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 40.0 million boxes, nearly double last years production; tangerines, 2.3 million boxes, up 53 percent from the previous year.

CITRUS FRUIT UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1997/98-1998/99 AND FORECASTED 1999/00 JANUARY 1, 2000 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1997/98	1998/99	Forecasted 1999/00
	1,000 boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early			
Mid and Navel 3/			
AZ	350	550	600
CA	44,000	21,000	40,000
FL	140,000	112,000	127,000
TX	1,350	1,250	1,300
US	185,700	134,800	168,900
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ	650	600	450
CA	25,000	17,000	27,000
FL	104,000	73,700	92,000
TX	175	180	300
US	129,825	91,480	119,750
All Oranges			
AZ	1,000	1,150	1,050
CA	69,000	38,000	67,000
FL	244,000	185,700	219,000
TX	1,525	1,430	1,600
US	315,525	226,280	288,650
Temples			
FL	2,250	1,800	2,100
All Grapefruit			
AZ	800	750	800
CA	8,000	7,500	8,000
FL 4/	49,550	47,050	46,000
TX	4,800	6,100	5,500
US	63,150	61,400	60,300
Tangerines			
AZ	600	950	1100
CA	2,400	1,500	2,300
FL	5,200	4,950	6,600
US	8,200	7,400	10,000
Lemons			
AZ	2,600	3,450	3,100
CA	21,000	16,200	21,000
US	23,600	19,650	24,100
Tangelos			
FL	2,850	2,550	2,800
K-Early Citrus			
FL	40	80	90

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with year harvest is completed.

2/ Net lbs. Per box: Oranges-AZ & CA-75; FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76, Tangelos, K-Early Citrus & Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA, Early (including Navel) and mid-season varieties in FL and TX, including small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Excludes economic abandonment in 1997-98 of 1,000,000 boxes of Colored Seedless and 5,000,000 boxes of White Seedless.

**CORN AND SOYBEAN STOCKS DOWN SLIGHTLY
ALL WHEAT STOCKS DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 8.02 billion bushels, down slightly from December 1, 1998. Of the total stocks, 5.18 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 2.84 billion bushels, were up 4 percent from a year ago.

Soybeans stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 2.18 billion bushels, down fractionally from December 1, 1998. On-farm stocks estimated at 1.15 billion bushels were down 3 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.03 billion bushels, were 3 percent higher than December 1, 1998.

All wheat in all storage positions December 1, 1999 totaled 1.88 billion bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are 649 million bushels and off-farm stocks equal 1.23 billion bushels. The on-farm number is down 5 percent while the off-farm is up 1 percent.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions December 1, 1999 totaled 108.4 million bushels, down fractionally from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 74.0 million bushels, are down 2 percent from 1998. Off-farm stocks are 34.4 million bushels, up 3 percent.

Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 1999 are estimated at 228.6 million bushels, 16 percent below last year. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 108.6 million bushels are stored on farms, 27 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 120.0 million bushels, are only 1 percent below 1998.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 348.6 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 259.3 million bushels, are up 8 percent from last year and account for 74 percent of the total stocks. On-farm stocks, at 89.3 million bushels, are down 7 percent from last year.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 136.1 million bushels, 8 percent below the December 1, 1998 estimate. Of the total stocks on hand, 82.1 million bushels were stored in on-farm facilities, 1 percent above the same quarter last year. Stocks held in off-farm storage facilities totaled 54.0 million bushels, 13 percent below a year earlier.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS, SELECTED STATES 1997-99

State	December 1			May 1	
	1997	1998 1/	1999	1998	1999 1/
	1,000 Tons				
AZ	171	177	184	34	28
CA	1,598	3,246	2,285	420	428
CO	2,133	2,807	2,900	616	966
ID	2,743	3,329	2,617	520	777
MT	5,042	4,568	4,448	1,151	1,104
NV	708	857	867	151	233
NM	479	450	595	165	170
OR	1,600	2,159	2,245	621	135
UT	1,658	1,695	1,540	435	485
WA	1,295	1,663	1,377	308	410
WY	2,129	2,372	2,480	363	611
US	103,044	111,839	108,668	21,827	24,795

1/ Revised.

**POTATOES: AREA PLANTED, HARVESTED, YIELD,
AND PRODUCTION BY SEASONAL GROUP, STATE,
AND UNITED STATES, 1999**

Seasonal Group And State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1999	1999	1999	1999
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Winter				
CA	8.5	8.5	260	2,210
FL	9.6	9.3	200	1,860
Total	18.1	17.8	229	4,070
Spring 1/				
AL	1.7	1.6	175	280
AZ	10.0	9.6	315	3,024
CA	19.0	19.0	400	7,600
FL	28.8	28.0	315	8,820
Hastings	21.5	21.0	330	6,930
Other FL	7.3	7.0	270	1,890
NC	17.0	16.5	200	3,300
TX	10.3	9.8	235	2,303
Total	86.8	84.5	300	25,327

1/ 1999 Revised.

**COTTONSEED: PRODUCTION BY STATE
AND UNITED STATES 1996-1998**

STATE	Production		
	1997	1998	1999 1/
	1,000 tons		
AL	196.0	192.0	224.0
AZ	312.0	288.0	273.0
AR	632.0	478.0	553.0
CA	942.0	544.0	797.0
FL	45.0	26.0	45.0
GA	660.0	526.0	529.0
KS	3.1	5.8	8.4
LA	359.0	236.0	336.0
MS	704.0	561.0	676.0
MO	223.0	135.0	182.0
NM	40.5	32.6	34.0
NC	321.0	351.0	279.0
OK	72.0	54.0	58.0
SC	142.0	122.0	95.0
TN	260.0	205.0	227.0
TX	1,983.0	1,558.0	2,056.0
VA	40.0	51.0	50.0
US	6,934.6	5,365.4	6,422.4

1/ Estimates based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DROPS 2 POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in December was 91 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.2 percent) from the November index. Lower prices for milk, soybeans, wheat, and oranges more than offset price increases for lettuce, hogs, calves, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of cattle, grapes, soybeans, and corn more than offset the relatively higher marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and broilers. These marketing changes account for about one-half point of the December index decrease.

Compared with December 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 7 points (7.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from December 1998

for milk, cotton, soybeans, and corn more than offset price increases for hogs, cattle, lettuce, and apples.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from November but 3 points (2.6 percent) above December 1998. Lower prices in December for hay and forages, mixed fertilizers, insecticides, and feed supplements were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, diesel fuel, and feed grains.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., DECEMBER 1998 AND 1999 AND NOVEMBER 1999

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		December 1998 Entire Month	November 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Mid-Month	December 1998 Entire Month	November 1999 Entire Month	December 1999 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	66.8	45.6	2/	60.7	44.7	43.6
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	148.00	132.00	126.00	139.00	94.00	99.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.87	2.66	2.43
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.14	2.62	2.75
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.67	2.42	2.18
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	72.00	82.00	76.00	78.40	74.00	71.10
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	73.00	82.00	76.00	81.40	77.30	73.20
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	66.00	82.00	65.00	69.40	64.80	65.90
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	14.30	3/	3/	14.10	16.90	15.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	21.00	23.00	17.80	17.70	19.70	15.20
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	22.10	32.60	26.60	24.30	30.90	27.50
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	21.70	22.00	23.40	24.90	25.00	21.50
Cows 7/	\$ Cwt	30.50	30.60	33.70	30.80	33.60	34.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	59.50	69.90	69.50	60.30	70.90	70.80
Beef Cattle 8/	\$ Cwt	58.90	69.40	69.10	56.80	66.20	66.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	72.50	84.50	90.90	80.20	93.00	97.80
All Milk 9/	\$ Cwt	15.60	13.60	11.70	18.00	14.30	12.40

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Equivalent on tree.

7/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

8/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

9/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1998		1999	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	99	98	93	91
Prices Paid	114	114	117	117
Ratio 1/	87	86	79	78

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.